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ODHH Monthly Bulletin

April
2014

Greetings from Executive Director:

Hello!

I am Lisa Kornberg, the Executive Director here at ODHH. I am excited to be sharing this month's bulletin with you.

ODHH's staff has been quite busy this year with legislative session. Now that things are calming down, we are getting back to business as usual.

In this issue, we are excited to share information with you about the 150th Anniversary of Gallaudet University and the opening of their new Museum. In addition, ODHH is responsible for providing support to the Maryland Advisory Council of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The council has historically had three subcommittees: behavioral health, education, and communication access. Now the council has recently voted to establish a new subcommittee to focus on providing support to the Deafblind community.

Finally, we are so grateful for the hard work of our interns and want to take a moment to acknowledge all that they do.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the bulletin.

~Lisa

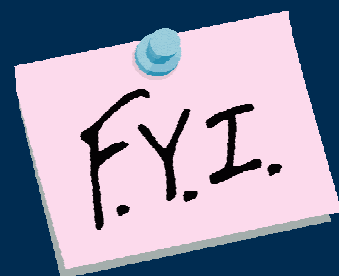
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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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DeafBlind Facts

Deaf-blindness is a very low incidence disability. Deaf-blindness occurs in three out of every 100,000 births. There are approximately 10,000 children between birth and 22 years of age in the United States who are deaf-blind.

Deaf-blindness has over 70 known causes. Some of the

Each year, ODHH welcomes interns from area colleges and universities who want to learn more about State government and services for people with hearing loss in Maryland. This semester, we had five terrific interns. Samantha Brooks, Asia Brown, Adriana Featherstone, LaToya Jayson, and Leah McCloskey came to us from Towson University's Deaf Studies Program.



Samantha, Asia, LaToya, and Leah will be graduating at the end of the semester. Samantha plans to search for a position that will allow her to continue learning about Deaf culture and also continue to improve her professional and ASL skills. Upon graduation, she will also be training for her first full marathon! Asia is currently looking for a position in Deaf services and also plans to enter the Interpreter Preparation Program at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) this summer. LaToya plans to spend the next year improving her signing skills and gaining more experience within the Deaf community. She also plans to complete the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Gallaudet University. Leah will be moving back to her home state of New Jersey and will begin her search for a career in Deaf services. After completing her final exams, Adriana will be returning to ODHH to assist throughout the summer and will return full-time as an intern for the Fall 2014 semester.

All five interns worked tirelessly on the numerous projects undertaken by this Office. Through their work on Legislative Awareness Day, updating resources on our website, researching issues affecting the deaf community, and a plethora of other tasks, our interns were integral in helping the Office work towards our mission. We wish them the best of luck on all their endeavors and extend to them the utmost gratitude for their work.

ODHH is currently looking for interns for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014. If you know of a student who may be interested in interning with ODHH, please have them contact ODHH's Deputy Director, Zainab Alkebsi, for further details at zainab.alkebsi@maryland.gov

Gallaudet at 150 and Beyond

causes are Usher Syndrome, Cytomegalovirus (CMV), complications due to prematurity, meningitis, encephalitis and asphyxia, as well as traumatic head injuries including shaken baby syndrome.

No two children with deaf-blindness are alike. The combination of possible vision and hearing losses is very different from child to child. Often these children have additional challenges such as cognitive delays, motor delays, and medical conditions.

For more information about DeafBlind:
[Click Here](#)

ODHH on the Move

Deaf Culture Night

April 30, 2014

6-8pm

**Woodlawn Branch of the
Baltimore County Public
Library**

**1811 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD**

"Heaven is for Real" Open Captioned Movie

May 4, 2014

1:50pm

**Regal Stadium 14
8001 Gateway
Promenade Place
Gainesville, VA 20155**

Brown Bag Lunch

May 8, 2014

**12noon-2pm
Humanim**

It was a beautiful sunny day on the 8th of April when Gallaudet University held the grand opening for their museum. That day was the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Gallaudet University charter.



The museum exhibition "Gallaudet at 150 and Beyond" is open to the public. The museum is located inside the Chapel Hall building, which is known for its majestic space and stained glass windows. The exhibit includes art and photographs of the past, present and future of Gallaudet, which includes its name change from Gallaudet College to Gallaudet University. It also includes the Deaf President Now movement and the campus renovations due to finish in 2022.

The museum's mission is to promote and interpret the rich and complex deaf experience.

Gallaudet will continue to celebrate its 150th anniversary throughout the year, which includes the campus reunion this upcoming July.

For more information about the museum - [Click here](#)
For more information about the reunion - [Click here](#)

MACDHH DeafBlind Subcommittee

As you all know, we have the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MACDHH). There are 18 members on the board. Nine members are from state agencies and then the other nine members are from the community. MACDHH already has three subcommittees: education, behavioral health, and communication access.



Based on feedback at our last town hall meeting, the DeafBlind community needs to be included, to have more community involvement, and to develop community collaboration. Therefore, we felt the need to establish a new subcommittee.

Through this subcommittee, the DeafBlind community can be heard and have the opportunity to express their thoughts to the MACDHH.

As a result, we hope to see more community unity.

**6355 Woodside Court
Columbia, MD 21046**

HASA Bull & Shrimp Feast

**May 10, 2014
7:00pm-11:00pm
UAW Hall
1010 Oldham Street
Baltimore, MD 21224**

Frederick Keys Baseball Deaf Awareness Night

**May 13, 2014
7pm
Harry Grove Stadium
21 Stadium Drive
Frederick, MD 21703**

TRIBES Mingle with John McGinty

**May 14, 2014
6:30-9:30pm
Everyman Theatre
315 W Fayette St,
Baltimore, MD 21201**

EHDI Stakeholders Conference

**May 15, 2014
8am-4pm
HASA
5900 Metro Dr,
Baltimore, MD 21215**

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We want to make sure you are heard. If you feel you have not had the chance to express yourself, this is the perfect opportunity to reach out with sub-committee and share your thoughts/concerns. You may do so by emailing: macdhhdeafblindsubcommittee@gmail.com

If there is a topic you would like to see ODHH cover in our upcoming bulletins and vlogs, please email us and we will consider your request.

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